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ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA
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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REFTTEL INFORMATION ABOUT
DEPARTING ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR SIMEDREA.

2. APPARENT SUCCESSOR, STEFAN BOBOS (PHON: BO-BOSH)
WAS FIRST SECRETARY OF NEAMT JUDET (COUNTY) IN NORTH-
EAST ROMANIA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NEAMT JUDET PEOPLE'S
COUNCIL FROM FEBRUARY 1968 TO MARCH 1978. HE HAS BEEN
A MEMBER OF THE RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE SINCE 1965, AND
FROM 1958 TO 1968 WAS PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL PEOPLE'S
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE BACAU REGION, WHICH
INCLUDED THE AREA OF NEAMT JUDET BEFORE THE REDIVISION
OF ROMANIA INTO JUDETE IN 1968. IN 1952 HE WAS NAMED
PARTY FIRST SECRETARY IN THE SUCEAVA REGION. BOBOS
REPUTEDLY OWED HIS EARLY RISE TO PARTY BOSS GHEORGHE
GHEORGHIU-DEJ. BOBOS, WHO ALLEGEDLY ENJOYS HIGH LIVING,
WAS IN HIS PROVINCIAL POSTS REPORTEDLY ADEPT AT PARLAYING
PUBLIC OFFICE INTO PRIVATE COMFORTS.

3. FORMER AMBASSADOR BARNES MET BOBOS IN APRIL 1976
AND FOUND HIM TO BE ORTHODOX IN HIS VIEWS, BUT CAPABLE
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OF PRAGMATISM. BOBOS IS ABOUT SIX FEET TALL, FLORID,
JOVIAL; IN APPEARANCE A WARD POLITICIAN. HE HAS
VISITED THE USSR SEVERAL TIMES AND KNOWS SOME RUSSIAN,
LIKE MOST ROMANIANS OF HIS GENERATION. ACCORDING TO AN
UNCONFIRMED REPORT, BOBOS, OF PEASANT ORIGINS, HAD
FOUR YEARS' PRIMARY EDUCATION, JOINED RCP IN 1946/47
AND WORKED AS YOUTH ACTIVIST, AND ATTENDED THE "STEFAN

GHEORGHU" PARTY ACADEMY IN BUCHAREST. HE LATER REPORTEDLY STUDIED AT BUCHAREST INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE. BOBOS IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO GROWN CHILDREN: AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SON WHO WAS TO ENTER THE ELECTRONICS SECTION OF IASI POLYTECHNIC IN 1976, AND A DAUGHTER WHO WAS IN THAT YEAR A CHEMICAL ENGINEER IN THE SAVINESTI FIBERS FACTORY.

5. NEW FIRST SECRETARY AND PEOPLE'S COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IN NEAMT IS PETRE ENACHE, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION (UTM) DURING 1964-67. ELECTED AN ALTERNATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER IN 1965 AND APPOINTED TO AN RCP SECRETARIAL JOB IN IASI EARLY IN 1968, ENACHE WAS DROPPED FROM BOTH POSITIONS IN LATE 1968 AND REMAINED OUT OF SIGHT UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS AN RCP SECRETARY IN NEAMT IN 1976.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS SEEN NO PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OF BOBOS' TRANSFER FROM NEAMT TO SOFIA. ROMANIA HAS RECENTLY DRAWN TWO NEW JUDETE FIRST SECRETARIES FROM AMBASSADORIAL RANKS (BUCHAREST 2161), AND BOBOS' TRANSFER WOULD CONTINUE A TREND IN INTER-CHANGES BETWEEN AMBASSADORIAL AND PROVINCIAL FIRST SECRETARY POSITIONS. BOBOS' TWENTY YEAR TOUR AS PROCONSUL IN NEAMT AND BACAU RAN MUCH LONGER THAN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE NORM, AND HE MAY HAVE BEEN TAPPED AS A TRIED-AND-TRUE PARTY MAN FOR A TIMELY JOB OPENING. HIS MOVE FROM NEAMT RAISES THIS YEAR'S SCORE FOR FIRST SECRETARY "ROTATIONS OF CADRES" TO TEN OUT OF 39.
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